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SPEECH

On the Occaſion of

Col. *Lothrop*'s DEATH,

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Gentlemen,

WITH Grief in my own Mind, I now make my Complement of Condolence with you, and with the Town and County of *Plymouth*, overſpread with an univerſal Gloom, by the Deceaſe of our Brother and Friend Mr. LOTHROP. He was our Brother, in that he ſat in Judgment with us here: He was our Friend alſo, for ſo he was to Mankind.

Mr. LOTHROP was a Gentleman of great Worth; his Religion and Piety were undiſſembled, and pure, ſubſtantial, and ſuch as gave him Eaſe in the Hour of Death. He was a Gentleman of an unſtain'd Character, Virtue, and Honour, of great Humanity, and Goodneſs in the Temper of his Mind: and the Breach made by the Loſs of a Gentleman of ſo great Merit,

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and in the midſt of his Days, and Prime of Life, is wide, and the Wound deep: and many have had and will ſtill have a very ſenſible feeling thereof for a great while yet to come.

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He was bleſs'd, with many valuable Endowments, both by Nature and Fortune, which render'd him greatly uſeful, to the Common-wealth, as well as to his own Family, and Friends: and moſt agreeable to all round about him, who had a Share of his Acquaintance and Converſation.

Under the many Smiles of Fortune, which he met with, he was not elated in his Mind, but behaved, with a ſingular Modeſty and Temper.

Mr. LOTHROP is removed from us; but his Removal from us, is his own Advancement: he has left a vacant Seat here, and the Honours, and Employments of Time which he was poſſeſſed of, but is advanced to an higher Seat, and to the Poſſeſſion of immortal Honours, and Employments in the Realms of Light and Peace above.